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Roxbury 16. Sept. 1845.

My dear Sir,

I have thought of the matter much & seriously, & the result is, that I must withdraw my name from that Protest about Slavery. On many accounts, I am sorry to do it, as you must be aware, since I know that this movement appears very important to you, & many other friends, with whom I have many sympathies, & whose opinions I greatly respect. It is much easier to sign the paper under all circumstances, than to refuse. But though I agree with the main doctrines of the Paper, I should feel myself to be in a false position as a signer of it, & I can not do it. I suppose I shall stand almost alone in refusing, & that is painful, but it is necessary. I must do nothing until I find some more individual opportunity & mode of "defining my position". You will please suppose my signature, & believe me truly yours.

Geo. Putnam.

Rev. C. Stetson.